

## Nov. 13- PTA Meeting

### Math Instructional Team

PARCC- algebra 1 will have changes (will be called MCAP)

- Contract with Pearson has ended The idea of a comprehensive will still exist. It is a state requirement. Will be replaced by another assessment. This year is the last year.
- IXL helps with PARCC test practice (make graphs, move points, etc.)- can be sued at home
- PARCC readiness the week before the test.
- ALGEBRA 1 PARCC- MUST PASS to Graduate (student requirement)
- ALGEBRA 2 PARCC- College Readiness (school report card to say how many students are college & career ready)

Math to be taken all for years, 3 credits required for graduation, but you MUST take 4 years of math (like you must take English every year)

Course sign up happens next month. Teachers will recommend telling kids what they should do next year.

Ex: Algebra 1.... then Geometry

Algebra 2...., then Trig, Math Analysis (many ways to go)

Math Team- every high school has one (Julie Kingsley runs ours). They meet monthly at one of the high schools for competitions. MTHS is Currently #1 in the B Division. They attend many different competitions throughout the year.

### Welcome- Principal Report

- Food Drive (happening now)
- Parent Teacher Conferences (window closes Friday 11/16)
- Electives Fair- January 10
- Eighth Grade Parent Night- January 3 (6:30pm)
- ARL Visitation (Nov. 27- 29) kids can go and shadow the students there
- Basket BINGO (Friday Night 11/16, almost sold out!)
- Valhella News is growing- many student recognitions coming in- Eagle Scouts, Art show awards)

### SGA

- First day of canned food drive began yesterday through December 20 (GOAL: the value of 70,000 cans)
  - bring in cans or money
- Will be delivered on December 21 to members of our community (work with Resurrection Church) – last year we fed 188 families
- Baskets are assembled the night before delivery
- Kids take a Discretionary Day to deliver

### Faculty Report

- \*PIP Time Conversation- what are the values at Hebron?
- \*PRISM- (Nov.15) all arts concert/celebration
- \*Narnia Production (Nov.30 -Dec.8)

**PAAS-** Book committee about Restorative Practices  
Ready For Life Series- starts Thursday 11/15 ( afterschool)  
FOR EVERYONE!!

### **CAPSA**

- \*Chinese educators came to visit from Hangzhou (Easter China- they work at a boarding school) - pictures on the newsletter and the CAPSA website (they were very interested in our clubs/activities, and touched by our special education program)
- \*Six kids used their language used their language to communicate with the visitor
- \*Culture Arts Opportunity- A Mongolian dancing group would like to come visit Grace willing to organize a visit.
- \*Next Tuesday- Grace wants to bring in coffee and Munchkins for teachers in the morning.

### **IASPA**

- \*Wonderful Dewalli celebration-(Nov. 11) more than 200 attendees (dancing, food, singing...)
- \*Parents brought all of the food
- \*Baltimore Sun reporter was there and will share it in a December issue
- \* It will become an annual event!!
- \* Festival of Colors (February or March)- will try to do some kind of a celebration will need to be held outside
- \*UMD college Campus Tour (Nov.7)- about 30 parents took a tour and learned about the campus- might be scheduling a tour at a college out of town

### **KASPO**

- \*Staff Appreciation luncheon (will happen in March)
- \*Trying to build our committee – how can we get access to the Student Directory to access/reach out to more families

### **Viking Backers**

- \* Spirit wear going well- lots of new stuff
- \* Will do a holiday sale during school
- \* Friday night sales happening
- \* Online sale going on website happening now through Nov.19

### **PTSA**

- Filing our taxes
- Reflections sent in 2 submissions (perhaps build it in to the curriculum next year)
- National PTA Program, monetary awards
- We sponsored Dewalli celebration
- Values Conversation Workshop happened (small group, feedback was very positive)- there will be more this year
- Run, Hide, Fight! Workshop (Vivian Amos)- gave the parent's an overview of what is being taught to kids about safety
- \*Streamed it on Facebook and Instagram
- \*We issued an official invitation to join PTSA as official standing committee (get the benefits of PTA, but then they have to follow the rules- CAPSA has already committed)

**MOTION:** (Mary Pearce) to officially welcome CAPSA as a standing committee in the PTSA, Vivian Amos  
Second the Motion

**VOTE:** Passed Unanimously (more than 10 votes)

**MOTION:** Vivian Amos approved the minutes from October meeting,  
Dan Phatak second the motion

**VOTE:** Passed Unanimously (more than 10 votes)

### **Treasurer Report**

- Budget shared
- Doing very well with membership (we have achieved our goal- parent financial donations were very generous)
- MD State dues were paid
- Majority of money spent on hospitality, teacher appreciation
- Paid deposit to YMCA for after prom

### **Membership**

\*823 members, 351 family members, we have collected \$12,360 (\$8880 we can keep)- membership cards will go out in December

### **Directory**

Student Directory being worked on (lots of data is duplicated, and formatted differently, and is working out the kinks)

\*Going to print shop this week, about a one-week turnaround

### **PTACHAC Reports**

\*Brent (new president) said everything from the meetings are on the website

\*Horizon Foundation going to be working with HCPSS, four schools will be part of the pilot the program - \$500 available to these schools

\*They want to train parent to recognize symptoms

\*Amal Allali will call and get more information about their availability for coming in March

### **Mulch**

Mary Pearce still looking for some one to shadow her this year

### **Staff Recognition**

\*keep your eyes open to recognize staff members- it's a simple way to

\*Mr.Barker- Howie Award (Howard County Arts Council)

\*Dr. Melissa Kiehl – GT Council (teacher as leader award)